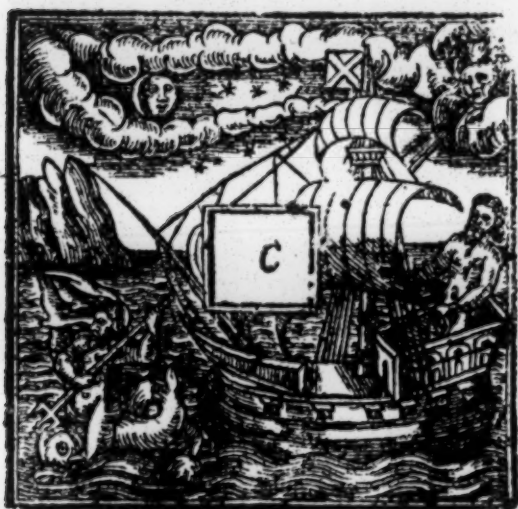




A PROCLAMATION

Discharging the Importing of Forraign Linen, or Woolen Cloth, Gold and Silver Threed, &c.



H A R L E S by the grace of **G O D**, King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To

Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute Greeting: Forasmuch as the Lords of Our Privy Council, having for encrease of Money, and improvement of the Manufactures of this Kingdom, appointed a Committee, who with advice of the Merchants, and other Persons experienced in these Affairs, have agreed upon several Conclusions, which are with all possible convenience and expedition, to be Formed into a Mature and Digested Proclamation, for Regulation of the Manufacture and Trade of this Kingdom: But because several Merchants may either by mistake, or upon a sinister design, give order for Importing of these Goods which are Prohibited; Therefore to prevent all inconveniencies which may arise to this Our Ancient Kingdom, by the Import of those Commodities, which are either to be debarred, as

superfluous in themselves, or supplied by Domestick Manufactures, or private Industry of Our own Subjects, and to make the Importers thereof inexcusable; We with Advice of Our Privy Council, Do hereby discharge the Importation of all Silver and Gold Threed, Silver and Gold Lace, Fringes, or Tracing, all Buttons of Gold and Silver Threed, all manner of Stuffs, or Ribbons in which there is any Gold or Silver Threed, all Philagram Work: as also, all Forraign Holland-Linen, Cambrick, Lawn, Dornick, Damesk, Tyking, Bousten, or Damety, Tuited or Stripped Holland, Calligo, Mulline, *Selesia* and *East-India* Linen, and all other Cloathes, made of Linen or Cotton: As also, all Forraign Cloaths and Stuffs whatsoever, made of Wool-Yarn, or Wool and Lint: all Forraign Silk, and Woolen Stockings: all Forraign Laces made of Silk, Gimp, or Threed, and all manner of Laces and Point of any sort or Colours: all Forraign made Gloves, Shoes, Boots and Slippers; And do hereby discharge all Merchants and others whatsoever, to import into this Kingdom any of the foresaid Commodities, after the date hereof, excepting only such as can be made appear upon Oath, to have been ordered by preceding Commissions, and Shipped before the tenth of *March* Instant; which time they have to recal their Commissions, if any such have been given: With certification, that all such Goods which shall be Imported, shall be burnt and destroyed, and the Importers and Resettlers shall be fined in the value of the Goods so Imported: and that if any Tacksmen of the Customs, Collectors or Waiters, shall connive at the inbringing thereof, they shall be likewise punished by payment of the value of the Goods Imported, and by being removed from all Charge relating to Our Customs, or any Employments depending thereupon. And We ordain these Presents to be Printed, and Published at the Mercat Cross of *Edinburgh*, that none pretend ignorance.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the first day of March, One thousand six hundred eighty and one, And of Our Reign, the thretty three Year.

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilij.

PAT. MENZIES. Cl. Sti. Concilij.

GOD save the KING.